

V. REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Suganuma (U.S. Patent No. 7,121,945). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In amended claim 1, the features "game start means" and "internal winning combination determination means" originally claimed in claim 5 are added and the features "first display means" and "second display means" included in "game result display means" are corrected.

As now recited in claim 1, the display control means controls the second display means so as to display game information corresponding to the internal winning combination within a first area including the symbol display area (the underlined situation is clearly depicted in Fig. 10 (4)) and so as to move the game information from the first area to a second area not including the symbol display area.

Furthermore, added distinctive structure not disclosed or taught in Suganuma is added to claim 1 as described below:

"the display control means controls the second display means so as to display game information within a first area including the symbol display area while changing light transmittance rate of the symbol display area so as to become low"; and

"the display control means controls the second display means so as to move the game information from the first area to a second area not including the symbol display area while changing the light transmittance rate of the symbol display area so as to become high".

The above features are supported by the illustrations of: Fig. 10(4) in which light transmittance rate of first area is changed to low so as to make characters dark and invisible while game information is clearly displayed; and Fig. 10(6) in which light

transmittance rate of first area is changed to high so as to display characters visibly while game information is moved from first area to second area.

It is respectfully submitted that the applied art fails to teach or suggest the features of claim 1 as amended and discussed above. Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to modify the features of the applied art because such features are devoid in the applied art. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Newly-added claims 6-28 also include features not shown in the applied art. The new claim 6 is composed on the basis of Fig. 10(6) in which game information is enlarged and displayed in the second area. In accordance with the amendment principle of claims 1-5, claims 7-12 (device claims), claims 13-18 (method claims) and claims 19-24 (processor claims) are added. Further, claims 25-28 which correspond to the display manner that game information is displayed in first area vertically (Fig. 10(4)) and displayed in the second area horizontally (Fig. 10(6)) are added.

Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the

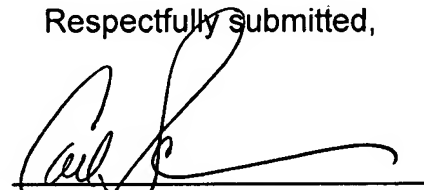
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Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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